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In further response to the office action mailed November 8, 2000, please examine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

(CLAIMS AFTER THE AMENDMENTS HEREIN)

(ORIGINAL CLAIMS 1-13 STAND ALLOWED AND ARE NOT SHOWN)

14. (amended) In a network having at least a first data source/sink and a second data source/sink coupled together by a physical medium, a method for determining at least one protocol capability of the second data source/sink, comprising:

placing first data pulses onto the physical medium, timing characteristics and pattern of the first data pulses indicating a first protocol capability of the first source/sink;

receiving the first data pulses in the second data source/sink;

transmitting second data pulses onto the physical medium from the second data source/sink, wherein timing characteristics and pattern of the second data pulses indicate the first protocol capability when the second data source/sink has the first protocol capability, wherein timing characteristics and pattern of the second data pulses indicate a second protocol capability when the second data source/sink has the second protocol capability;

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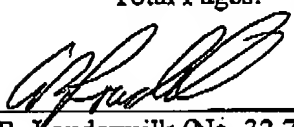
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